

# **News from Ed Markey**

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## **MARKEY SLAMS BUSH ADMINISTRATION ENVIRONMENT PLAN**

### **Calls plan a sweetheart deal to corporate polluters**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. --**

Today Representative Edward J. Markey (D-MA) released the following statement in response to reports that the Bush administration will announce a voluntary carbon dioxide emissions reduction plan and a delay in reductions of emissions of mercury, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides from power plants:

"Today the President has attempted to convince the public that he is guilty of trying to protect the environment. Unfortunately, we will still have no evidence to convict him. This plan will slow down the process of cleaning our air of harmful pollutants from dirty old coal plants, though companies like Enron might profit from the pollutant-trading portions of the plan. Instead of candy and flowers, the President has given a sweetheart deal to corporate polluters this Valentine's Day."

Markey continued, "Asking industry to voluntarily reduce carbon dioxide emissions is like asking tobacco companies to voluntarily reduce the amount of nicotine in cigarettes."

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